MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bross

SUBJECT: Single Review of CCP and CIP Proposed

At the last meeting of the OSD Review Group, Mr. Mitchell of DASD (C) P, the programming shop of OSD Comptroller, proposed that the review group include a recommendation in its report to the Secretary of Defense calling for the review of both the CCP and the CIP by a single DOD element.

There was lengthy discussion of this proposal with a strong concensus in favor of the idea, in principle. The original wording started out, 'It is recommended that consideration be given to ... The underlined words were deleted in favor of the following, which General Whitney agreed to try out on General Carroll with the understanding that if he approved, it would go in the report, if he didn't the OSD Comptroller would have to make the suggestion on his own.

"It is recommended that a plan be developed and staffed with interested agencies which provides for assigning primary action for the execution of the functional area reviews of the CCP and the CI to a single DOD component. This would insure even further improvements in the programming-budgeting, review and anlysis, and correlation of all DOD intelligence activities."

The proposal was tried out on General Carroll, he was in favor of the idea but would not sign any paper containing such a recommendation. The ball appears to be back in the Comptroller's court.

Like prohibition, this idea, too, is 'worthy in purpose'. But it could lead to the establishment of a 'Senior Intelligence Officer in the DOD. This would give us two primary intelligence leaders in the Community from the standpoint of the money and manpower under their control; the DCI with roughly [   ]
and the 'SIO/DOD' with [   ]   Remember Stalin's comment reference the Pope? "How many divisions does he have?"

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Any man who controls resources does have a powerful position, but he is also subject to the charge of having vested interests and a built-in hinderance to objectivity. If a "SIO/DOD" was created and, by accident or design, a power struggle for "control" of the Community began between him and the DCI, this could provide an opening for either or both of the two other elements seeking the DCI's job themselves, (BOB and FIAB) to claim the advantage of having no vested interests. If you let your imagination run even a little bit wild, it is not too difficult to conjure up the possibility that some one might come up with the idea that the NIPE Staff ought to be an adjunct of either the BOB or the FFIAB and thereby have no possible connection with the resources involved in the Community.

It is, I believe, a time for deep thinking on the subject and consideration of all possibilities of attack and counter-attack. One line of thought worthy of attention, and one which is completely legal under the National Security Act, is this: as the DCI operates under the direction of the National Security Council and acts for them in providing for detailed implementation of the NSCID's, his NIPE Staff could be made an independent element in the overall National Security Council staff complex, continue to work directly for the DCI, and particularily on those Community-wide management problems in which the National Security Council should have the paramount interest of any group in the Government. This would not necessarily require any physical move of the NIPE Staff although official liaison with the other parts of the National Security Council staff would be advisable. The main advantage to the NIPE Staff of such an official linkage to and association with, the National Security Council would be to give you a better vantage point from which to attack the DCI's Community management problems, enhampered, or at least less hampered, by the activities of those who seek to get in on the act.

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